

In the Specification

Please amend paragraph [0017], which bridges pages 9 and 10, as follows.

[0017] As described above, in addition to specific information regarding the plants, soils, and conditions in area 100 stored in local plant database 136, network connection 140 gives the system access to other information, including weather data and resources providing further landscaping-care information regarding the plants, soils and region in which the area 100 is located. For example, global plant database 142 is representative of one or more publically or privately available network resources where information is provided regarding regional maintenance requirements for plants, grasses, and trees, or any other information of similar nature which would be of interest to someone maintaining area 100, ~~e.g., www.plantcare.com, www.NeoFlora.com~~. A separate global soil database 143 is also shown in Figure 1, and is representative of one or more soil websites or databases (a Google® search for the term “soil database” reveals many) that provide data regarding soils on a regional basis, and/or data regarding specific soil types (e.g., red clay). Weather server 144 is representative of one or more weather websites or databases accessible via network connections such as the Internet which give weather forecasts, current weather conditions, and other weather-related information (~~e.g., www.weather.com~~). Information from these sources is obtained/extracted by processor 120 using known techniques, in addition to the information from local plant database 136 and moisture sensors 122 through 134. Information for the appropriate area may be identified, for example, by having a user of the

system supply their postal zip code, thereby identifying a region for which additional data may be desired, and configuring processor 120 to extract relevant information from the data. Global or local databases for any other desired conditions or elements may be accessed in the same manner and are covered by the claims herein.